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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you to let you know that I, as a US citizen, am opposed to the proposed Microsoft settlement in the anti-trust case. I having been working in the computer field for over ten years and I have personally witnessed Microsoft go from being an innovator to a monopoly that actively uses its monopoly power to crush competition and artificially raise its prices. One detail of the settlement which I find absolutely ludicrous is the idea of Microsoft donating PC's to schools with its Windows operating system installed on them. This certainly does not punish Microsoft. If anything, this strengthens Microsofts monopoly of operating systems.

It is my opinion that this settlement is much too lenient on Microsoft. It does not do enough to punish Microsoft, or prevent it from abusing its monopoly power in the future.

Sincerely,
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